

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The State Contingency Plan should establish specific priorities for action in the event of a spill endangering Texas bays and estuaries.
2. The State should study the cost effectiveness of purchasing its own coastal defense equipment and encourage the creation of an oil industry cooperative to combat spills. Texas should participate in and encourage the development of local spill cooperatives similar to the Corpus Christi Spill Control Association. The government and industry should pool their manpower and equipment in the case of a major spill and become a strong defense against the spill.
3. Form an oil spill advisory group with representatives of government, the oil industry, the fishing industry, the tourist industry and other related interests. The group would develop recommendations and become involved in oil spill contingency planning and response.
4. Encourage the use of state universities in the coastal area for blow out prevention training schools.
5. The committee should study legislation to provide a fund, similar to TOVALOP or CRISTAL, that would cover the costs and damages resulting from oil spills. The current Texas Coastal Protection Fund covers only the cost of cleanup. The IXTOC I oil spill indicates that many other areas may need financial aid to deal with the effects of a major oil spill.
6. The Texas legislature should pass a resolution encouraging the federal government to create an international commission composed of all states bordering the Gulf of Mexico. The purpose such a commission would be to protect those states from the damages of spills, as well as prevention.

7. Encourage federal officials to use the services of Texas scientists, engineers, planners, researchers and managers for closer interaction in addressing the Mexican oil spill related problems.
8. The committee supports Attorney General Mark White in his efforts to collect damages from the proper, responsible, and liable parties involved in the oil spill.